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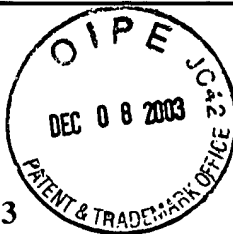
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SHAPEABLE ELECTRODE



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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir/Madam:

PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

It is requested that the time for filing the Request for Continued Examination, which is in response to the final Office Action mailed August 5, 2003, having a three-month response date of November 5, 2003, be extended to **December 5, 2003**.

The fee in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the extension fee as set for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1).

Respectfully submitted,

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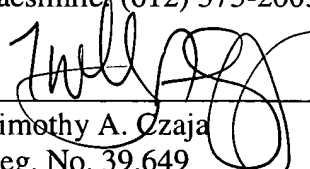
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